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**MAG-42 Family Readiness Newsletter**

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## Word from the CO



Ladies and Gentlemen, Anne and I wish to express our gratitude for your kindness, hard work, and support these past two years. By your amazing dedication and efforts as an entire MAG across three distant sites, we have set the standard for combat readiness in 4<sup>th</sup> MAW and been the first to answer and sustain the call to Colors of our Republic, Corps and the American people by our continued service. We are the best MAG in 4<sup>th</sup> MAW by your performance and any objective measures...that is no brag, just fact. In July, we turn MAG 42 over to COL Jeremiah D. "JD" Canty and his lovely wife Janine.

Thank you for your willingness to serve and your dedication to duty without which our nation would be unable to give nearly 30 million people of the world in Iraq and Afghanistan the opportunity to change the course of their history and build a better future day by day today for themselves and their posterity. Our goals, the elimination of international terrorism, the protection of our people and Allies and the introduction of a new dynamic of individual freedom and opportunity for these nations and the region are noble goals and worthy of our great Republic and people. There is evil in this world that must be confronted and those who will fight us every step of the way and are doing so because success will be world changing and there will be no going back for them. In the middle of any fight or competition as you are striving between two opposing wills, it is difficult to see the many successes you are achieving and we are achieving many in Iraq, Afghanistan and throughout the world. The outcome is not in doubt as long as we have to will to serve, to fight and to succeed against the odds and the many critics and naysayers. Freedom for others and for us always carries with it a price tag paid in the blood of patriots. Freedom is not free. These words ring as true for our generation as they did for the generations of Veterans who fought and bore the burdens of World Wars I and II, Korea and Vietnam. It is our job to do and one that must be done to secure a better world for the Iraqi and Afghani people and our children and grandchildren. Your service at this time in our Republic's history counts and we are all grateful that you and your families can be counted upon to rally to the Colors of our nation and meet these challenges head-on.

On behalf of the Republic, our people, the Commandant of the Marine Corps and your fellow Marines and Sailors, let me express our collective thanks to you, to your spouses, to your families and all your friends for your continued service and their continued support. We each have a vital role to play. There are not many of us and without each of us there would be a team hole not easily filled. I know we will successfully finish what we have begun as a nation and we all will look back in aged years with pride to our steadfast service at this time when the issue seemed in doubt



and good men and women were needed to do their duty and win world changing success. Thank you again for your continued service, patriotism and unmatched dedication to our country, people and Corps. May God bless and keep you and your families in all ways and in all things! It has been my personal honor to serve alongside each of you during this challenging time in the history of the United States. Thank you for the privilege.

Semper Fi!

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## KVC Corner

We'd like to extend a belated thank you to our newest Key Volunteers. MAG 42 held a training course in February 2004 and the following graduates joined the Key Volunteer Network:

MAG 42: Jennifer di Pietra

HMLA 773: Patti Maffett, Erin Gresh, Cacellia Melvin, Cynthia Fagan, Pat Deppe, Mary Pope Mason, Elizabeth O'Connell, Heather Diss

MALS 42: Jeanette Kennedy

4<sup>th</sup> LAAD: Dawna Morrow Godfrey, Linda Cosby, Cyndi Lee Varney

Thank you all for your commitment to the Key Volunteer Network and the Marines and Sailors it supports. We are so grateful for your time and contribution to the families of MAG 42. We also extend our thanks to Lt. Col. Marcia Place, PWST OIC; Major Clifton, FRO, HMLA 773; Wanda Teichert, KVC, 4<sup>th</sup> LAAD; Capt. Glover, OIC, 4<sup>th</sup> LAAD; and Chaplain David Butler, Instructor; for their hard work preparing for and assisting with the course. If I've left anyone out of either list, please forgive me!

On a personal note, it has been a pleasure getting to know all the MAG 42 families over the past two years. Tim, Katharine, Abigail and I have truly enjoyed our time at NAS, Atlanta and we will miss everyone very much. Thank you for your support and friendship during this tour. We will continue to keep you in our hearts and prayers.

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## Greetings from Colonel Canty



Greetings Marines and Sailors of MAG-42. Janine and I are extremely happy to be here and to have this Opportunity to lead a command with such a superb reputation!

We're coming from Northern Virginia where I was working at the Pentagon, on the Joint Chiefs of Staff J3 Directorate for Information Operations, for my previous sins. Janine is especially excited about coming to the South since she's from Pensacola, Florida and has two sisters that live in the Atlanta area. I am not from the Deep South—as will become obvious if you ever hear me talk—but I have loved every location we have been assigned to in this great country of ours.



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**Admin Chief**

**GySgt. Jennings**



We have four children ranging from 14 to 8 years of age, Ashley, Christine, Rachel and Michael.

Our family arrives in Georgia in the midst of this Global War on Terrorism with many of you activated and mobilized and Janine and I are well aware of your dedication and the sacrifices that you and your families have already made and continue to make for our country. The American people are proud of what you are doing and thank you!

We look forward to joining the MAG-42 Marine Corps family and getting to know each of you.

Semper Fidelis,

Colonel J. D. Canty

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### **Six Flags Military Appreciation Week**

Six Flags over Georgia made a special salute to our nations armed forces with a week of deep discounts and free admission for active service members and their families. The special promotion coincided with the Salute 2 America, the park's weeklong celebration leading up to Independence Day.

From June 26 to July 4, active members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard, received half off one-day admission to the park. In addition there was select free admission days for each branch of service. During each service day, members of that particular branch of armed forces received free admission for themselves and up to five immediate family members.



A Marine paints the face of one of many children that visited the park.





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Colonel Hanifen makes presentation to Jay Thompson, Six Flags Director of Operations.

## **Chaplain's Corner**

### **"Let's Stay Connected"**



Every time I turn on the television I see the reports that are coming from Iraq. I like to think I am smart enough to realize I'm not getting the whole story, but only a part of it, from the news. That's why it is so important for us to stay connected with each other during stressful times. And the stress is not likely to let up anytime soon.

Our country is entering a period of national elections. Both major political parties have issues and certain interpretations. Churches have begun to take sides on the issues our nation is confronting in Iraq and Afghanistan. What we see and hear can be overwhelming, if we don't learn to separate the truth from the hype.

Our MAG 42 Family Readiness Program is designed and intended to help keep all involved persons and parties connected. It is a life-line of information and support. But for it to work, we need to stay connected. Connected with each other. When questions arise, call your Family Readiness Program Key Volunteer for answers and assistance. They will get the wheels turning to provide you answers and help. By staying connected, we make the program work for everyone. Let's stay connected!



